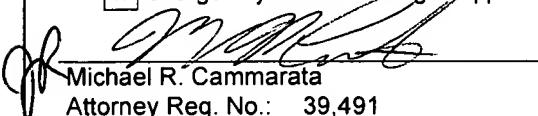




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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. 1982-0171P
Application No. 09/986,377-Conf. #5133	Filing Date November 8, 2001	Examiner Y. L. Wilson	Art Unit 2113	
Applicant(s): Tomoko YAMADA				
Invention: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME				
<p><b>MS Amendment</b>  <b>Commissioner for Patents</b>  <b>P.O. Box 1450</b>  <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.</p> <p>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>				
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>				
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<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <u>02-2448</u> as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.</p>				
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.